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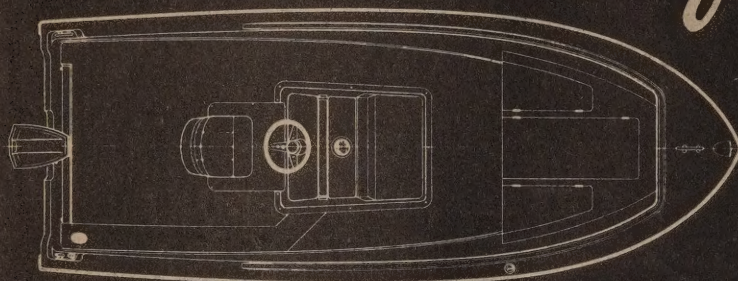
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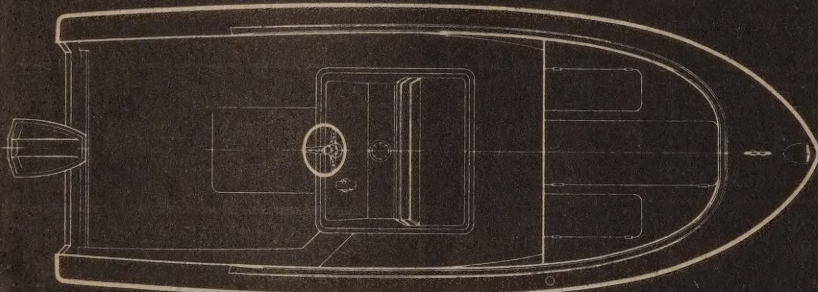
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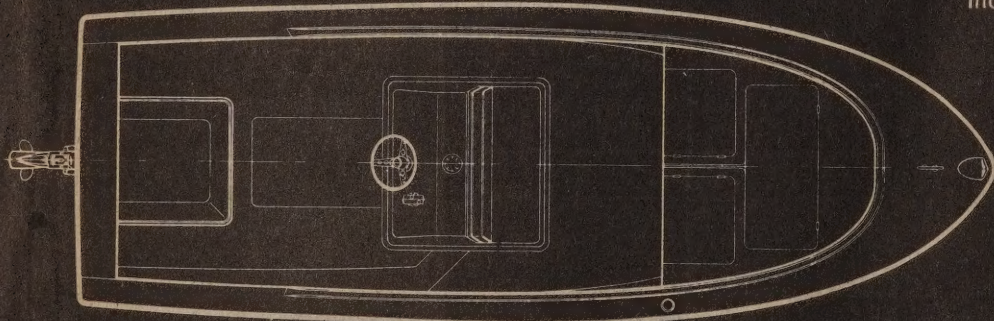
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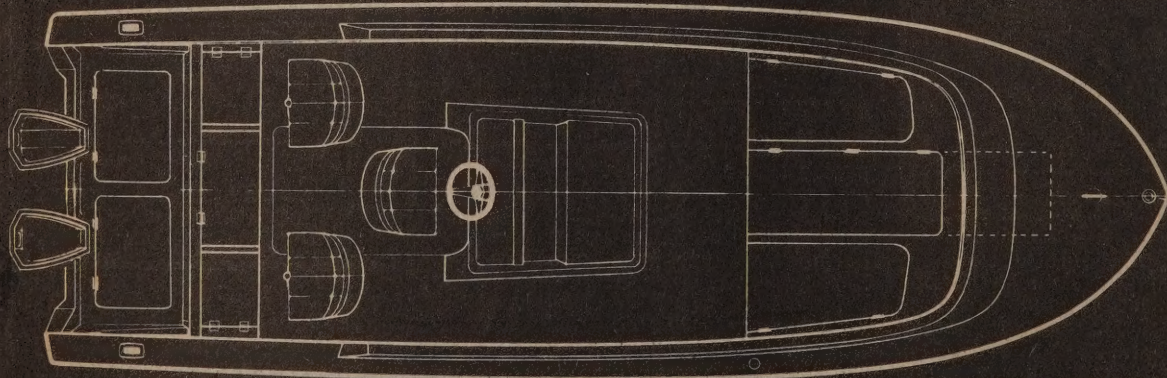
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ABOUT THE COVER: Friends of LIF publisher Rich Reina pose with several of the large bluefish taken recently in Huntington Harbor aboard the boat "The Long Island Fisherman". The new boat is a fully equipped 19-6 Aquasport powered by a 135 h.p. Johnson outboard. The LIF boat will be manned by LIF staff members and will be showing up all over the Island, so keep your eye out for it and say hello!

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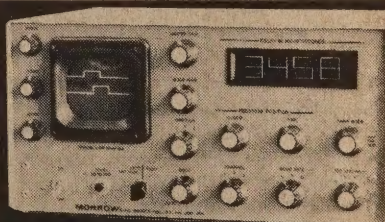
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PARTY BOAT GRIPE

As a subscriber to the LIF I would like to relate in brief a recent experience which illustrates, among other things, the need for a thorough review and up-grading of conditions and regulations governing the responsibilities in the ownership and operation of all boats.

I boarded a party fishing boat and found a filthy and unsanitary boat and with what I considered inadequate fire prevention equipment. After a day of fishing in which not one fish was caught, not even a strike by its approximately forty occupants, it was a relief to get off the boat.

We were given a small rebate due to the poor fishing and unexpected bad weather. The following week I thought I would take advantage of the rebate, so I returned once again only to find the boat in the same filthy condition, with some of the dried up bait from the week before still there, together with countless flies that wouldn't allow you to relax and enjoy the ride. We ended the day with just one small Tuna caught and not one strike by any of the other fishermen.

During this time I made at least a dozen telephone calls to seven different numbers which included the Bay Constable and Coast Guard. Each one was referring me to another number because this matter was not under their jurisdiction. This happened over and over again, with no one really knowing who I should call. Finally I reached the correct number and was assured that the matter would be followed through.

It is aggravating enough to find these party boats all charging the same high fixed rates which could be construed as price fixing, but the boats should at least provide some minimum sanitary and comfortable facilities, and if some reasonable rebate would be allowed on these poor fishing days it would surely create goodwill for the ownership and the industry, and also make good business sense. **John Denaro**

I'm sorry to hear about your bad experience on your day out fishing and I also want to apologize for the following answer beforehand. You see I'm a realist, I'm positive that the greater majority of party boat skippers are out to please their customers to the greatest extent possible. I'm also sure that there isn't a Captain alive who willfully avoids catching fish. I've fished with the best and seen them come back skunked.

I'm also sorry to hear your bureaucratic run-a-round on the

telephone. I've often run into that when trying to solve some of the problems that come into this office.

I think this captain was trying his best, but perhaps he's a slob and a poor fisherman. If I were you I wouldn't go on his boat anymore and I would tell all my friends not to go on his boat. I believe in the American "Free Enterprise" system. If this boat and captain are so bad, he will probably be out of business soon. I wouldn't print the name or even the port of this boat unless I went aboard and witnessed it myself. Even then I would have to ask myself if perhaps there are fishermen who feel they like to fish under these conditions...

HOW TO GAFF SAFELY

I fish the jetties and surf of the South shore for bass and blues. When they are running large it is imperative to either gaff or net them so as not to lose too many fish. I prefer to use a shorter gaff in the surf and a much larger one when fishing the rocks. Is there one spot or region on the fish that makes it easier for me to gaff the fish in the most humane way possible? If this is done properly can I release him knowing that he is not seriously injured? **Gary Korbel, East Meadow, N.Y.**

The most humane way to gaff a fish is by slipping the hook under its jaw and lip-gaffing. To do this without damage requires the fish to be completely exhausted, suspended limply in the water. Such a fish might not survive after being returned to the water, unless you forced water through its gills by moving it through the water — until it revived enough to swim away under its own power. Unfortunately, it's hard to say how long it would take the fish to regain sufficient strength so it could avoid being killed by other predators.

The least-damaging way to save fish you want to return is by netting, removing the hooks as quickly as possible and with minimal tissue damage, and slipping it (not smashing it) back into the water. Use a firm grip on the fish—with dry hands—to avoid it sliding around and causing the protective mucous covering from being rubbed off.

HART'S ISLAND POWER PLANT

I have been a reader of the Long Island Fisherman for quite some time and now that you are concerned with the ecology of all of Long Island Sound. As of this writing there is a proposal to build a fossil fuel power plant on Hart's Island. Raw garbage would be shipped in at a rate of six barges a day and be incinerated, causing both air and water pollution.

As you know, this area has an abundance of good fishing areas which would be placed in jeopardy.

The City Island Civic Association is opposing this plant for the above reasons. If the readers wish to oppose this plant for the good of Long Island Sound's ecology, please contact me as soon as possible. **William D. McDaniel, 45 King Ave., City Island, N.Y. 10464**

CHART FOR HUNTINGTON

Some issues back you published a map/chart showing the hot spots for fishermen at Montauk.

I would appreciate it if you did a similar chart for the waters in and around Huntington, marking out areas like Sand City, Target Rock etc.

I'm new in this area and have been asked by other boatmen for directions, but, being uncertain, I could not help them. **R. Irizarry, Dix Hills, N.Y.**

We have thought about this type of project — to encompass all of Long Island waters. Time, unfortunately, is our limiting factor, so we cannot undertake such an extensive job in the near future. However, if any of our readers feel they have the time and technical competence necessary to perform the task, please contact the editor and we'll discuss the matter.

BIRD BEHAVIOR RELATIVE TO FISHING

On several occasions recently I have witnessed two phenomena for which I have not been able to deduce nor obtain a satisfactory explanation, and am asking for your help.

Under both circumstances a number of people were fishing and a variety of lures were used and I have therefore only been able to get as far as not blaming myself. No fish hit nor were caught although the following existed: (a) Diving Tern in numbers. (b) Hovering Gulls in numbers along the shore line.

Both (a) and (b) were on separate occasions and did not occur together.

My theory that the possible presence of bunker could have precipitated the behavior of the birds seems to have been destroyed, since no bunkers were snagged — notwithstanding attempts to do so.

Your help would be appreciated by direct correspondence or publication.

It is hoped that your rapid reply would help me sleep more soundly. Thanks. **R. Fishbein Whitestone, N.Y.**

Diving terns indicates the presence of baitfish, which could have been sandeels, spearing, anchovies, baby bunker, etc. The fact that you snagged no bunker only means that (1) either no large bunker were in the area, or (2) if there were larger bunker around, they were so thinly-scattered that snaggers failed to connect — an unlikely hypothesis, even if it is my own.

Hovering gulls could mean that bait is present, but not near the surface, and

they "anticipate" (if such a word could be used to describe one facet of a bird's mentality) activity on the surface soon. Groups of sitting birds are like groups of sitting humans: "What do you want to do, Marty?" "Geez, I dunno. What do you wanna do?" "Well, let's just hang around and think of something to do." "Okay. What do you wanna do?" "I dunno..."

DO MORE FOR READERS

Tsk! Tsk! — Shame on you for telling Frank Mastrangelo to write to all of the Town Supervisors on the Island. What ever happened to Readers' Service?

I'm sure, especially now with the energy crunch, a goodly number of your readers are trailer boatmen. They deserve better advice and help than that.

You're absolutely right, Frank, we sure could use an up to date list of public launching ramps, hours of operation and any fees, especially for the North Shore Townships which tend to be very restrictive — for residents only.

If it's any help to you, in addition to the LIF's mentioned ramps, there's an excellent free ramp in Freeport at the foot of Albany Avenue, next to Meadowbrook Parkway. Further, at Gull Pond in Greenport and at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station in Southold you'll find others. They collect a \$3.00 fee. The new "Gone Fishin'" Marina on East Like Drive in Montauk has another ramp, as do some of the marinas in Moriches. See ads in LIF.

But, I can't help you with the North Shore in Nassau or Western Suffolk County. There are numerous ramps there but all I have seen are for residents only. **R.E. Bohnenberger, East Meadow, N.Y.**

One of our many beliefs is that fishermen should be more willing to take pen in hand and help other fishermen. As a result, we, at times, will respond to a question by giving an answer that will cause other readers to help out. That's fine! We want you all involved, if possible, in furthering the word about your favorite sport.

On the more practical side, we at The Fisherman need the help of the readers. It is physically impossible for the few of us here to follow up on every bit of information, or answer every question, let alone with all the necessary detail. If we accomplished that, The Fisherman would no longer be published weekly, but monthly, and 99% of your questions would still be answered without all the facts you need.

So—we appeal to the readers to help out when they can, just as Mr. Bohnenberger did, and we'll accept the risk of your annoyance at us for not being all things to all people.

CLUB NEWS

BAY SHORE TUNA CLUB ANNUAL CLAMBAKE AWARDS DINNER

The Annual Clambake will be held at Kismet Inn, Fire Island, Sunday, Sept. 22, 1974 at 11:30 A.M. COST, \$15.00 per person.

Reservations must be mailed to: Archie W. Rodes, 87 Ocean Ave., Bay Shore, N.Y. before Sept. 16th. Only 125 tickets will be sold, so get in early.

You provide your own transportation. Dockage will be available for your boat. F.I. Ferries are available for members without boats. For information regarding schedule, call MO-5-5045.

The Awards Dinner will be held on FRIDAY NIGHT, Sept. 20th at Capt. Bills Anchorage at 8:00 P.M. This meeting will feature the awards for the BAY SHORE MAKE TOURNAMENT winners. As you know this tournament is sponsored by the Bay Shore Tuna Club. Let's have a good turnout for the "lucky ones". DINNER \$4.50 Per person.

SOUTHERN NEW YORK FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Sportsmen and nonsportsmen alike are welcome to the September meeting of the Southern New York Fish & Game Association, to be held at the Little Theater of the Westchester County Center in White Plains, New York, on Wednesday September 18, at 8 P.M.

Addressing the gathering will be representatives of two nationally prominent groups, The American League of Anglers and the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Each speaker will discuss his organization's functions: how it benefits the sporting and nonsporting public, and in turn, how individuals and groups can help the ALA or the NSSF. Furthermore, the significance of National Hunting & Fishing Day will be a topic of conversation.

The third annual National Hunting and Fishing Day has been proclaimed by Congress to take place on Saturday, September 28; therefore, this meeting will serve as an apt prelude.

Admission to the program is free. The Westchester County Center is located at the junction of Route 119, Central Park Avenue, and the Bronx River Parkway, and is only a short walk north of the White Plains Station of Penn Central's Harlem Line.



News Releases



Top Row L-R: Michael Douglas, Vice Admiral William F. Rea III, Gerard Perruzza. Bottom Row L-R: Thomas Farmer, Brad Glas, Walter Campagna. (Photo credit — 3rd Coast Guard District)

LIFESAVING AWARDS

Last Oct. 8, 1973 Capt. Brad Glas of the Helen II observed the small vessel of Mr. & Mrs. Kielback capsized in the Race. Quickly and skillfully maneuvering his boat alongside the capsized vessel three passengers and a mate jumped into the turbulent water to assist.

It was then learned that their two children were trapped beneath the overturned boat. The mate, Thomas Farmer, and passenger Walter Campagna of East Norwich, N.Y., helping put the mother aboard the Helen II, continued to assist in the ongoing rescue efforts with other two men until near exhaustion forced them to return to their own boat. N.Y.C. Police Officer Michael Douglas of Huntington, N.Y. cleared the debris and lines from the overturned boat, and after about one half hour were able to safely remove the two boys.

On Aug. 12, 1974, at Fire Island Coast Guard Station, Vice Admiral William F. Rea III awarded Public Service Commendations to the five men. In addition to their commendations Michael Douglas and Gerard Perruzza were awarded Gold Lifesaving Medals for having jeopardized their own lives in the rescue. These medals were only the five hundred eighty-first and eighty-second to be awarded since its authorization by Congress 100 years ago.

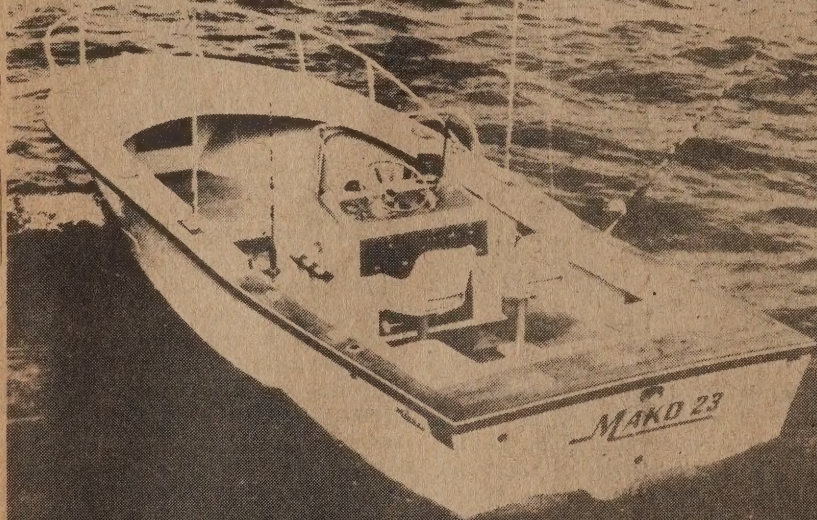
A sequel to this story also concerns the Kielback family. They got themselves a new boat, and also ran out of gas while traveling to attend the Fire Island ceremonies.

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A geographical study of marine
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Surf Side

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Introducing Children to Surf Fishing

There is no doubt that fishing is a tremendous way of acquainting children with nature's laws, developing a sense of responsibility, encouraging the maturation process, and developing a young person's identity. Many police associations, youth groups, and community service organizations have used fishing as a tool to open lines of communication with ghetto children and often had a significant positive impact on their lives.

One of the greatest thrills in fishing is to lure a gamefish to take an artificial in the surf. This is especially exciting for a youngster. Unless the child is very mature, I wouldn't introduce him or her to the sport of fishing via the surf.

The reasons are obvious. The skills require physical sophistication, intense concentration, and it is often difficult to give much assistance in the surf because there is usually a few hundred feet between fishermen. In addition, if the quarry is sought in the high surf some strength is required to stand up to the pounding water.

However, once the child has spent a few years developing both interest and skill on relatively "easy" species from a boat or pier, you can then begin to think about surf fishing.

The gently sloping beaches and calm waters of Long Island Sound offer superior conditions for a young person to learn the sport. Make the first outing to a productive location at a productive stage of the tide (usually out-going water in Long Island Sound) at dusk or dawn. One additional caution: Fish either early in the season or in the fall. There's no faster way to convince children that casting is "bad news" than to have the gnats and mosquitoes make a banquet of them. Given that insect repellents can irritate the skin and are only modestly effective at best, I believe that the best advice is to avoid the situation entirely.

Fall fishing is best anyway because the blues usually decide to storm the beaches and the kids get a big charge out of the commotion set up by the feeding blues and their entourage of birds. If you do hit the blitz with your child take the time on the return trip home to explain what was happening and to show him that a balanced natural system depends upon a chain of feeding in which small organisms



Drew Muller displays the satisfying reward of a job well-done. Dad wasn't unhappy, either.

are consumed by slightly larger ones which are in turn eaten by still larger animals. The combination of the visual impact of feeding blues plus a short and simple ecology lesson will leave an important message with the youngster.

Buy good equipment. Reels that bind under the pressure of a fish, lines that part, snaps that won't hold, and bails that close unexpectedly have no place here or anywhere for the serious fisherman, but become especially frustrating for a child. Remember that the child's tackle must be light so that he or she can sustain an hour or two of casting. If you're uncertain about what to buy check with your local tackle dealer. You may end up paying a few dollars more for the equipment, but these men and women have spent a lifetime gathering the facts of their

trade and their advice is invaluable.

Accessory equipment for children is sometimes difficult to find, but waders are available by special order from the better tackle stores and cost about \$15. A waterproof poncho is a must in the rain; other accessories should be carried by you on your surf belt.

Remember that surf fishing is often unreliable and, if anticipated excellent conditions do not pan out, be prepared to leave for the nearest ice cream stand and make the best out of what could otherwise become a disappointing situation!

The rewards for both your child and yourself will come on the day when he or she hits a decent fish and has the confidence and experience to work the fish to the beach with the skills that have been taught by "Dad".

UNUSUAL FISHCATCHERS

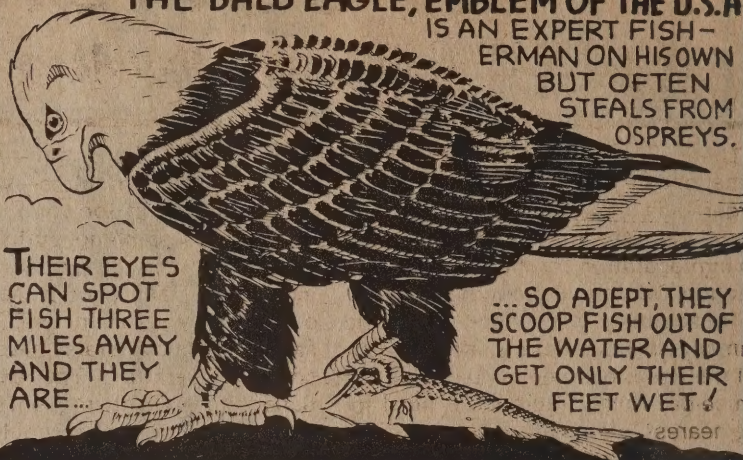
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A FISHER SPIDER WITH FANGS BURIED IN ITS PREY, SUCKS THE JUICES FROM A MINNOW IT CAUGHT BY CLIMBING DOWN PLANT STEMS INTO THE WATER AND INJECTING ITS VENOM INTO THE FISH. IT THEN DRAGS THE LIFELESS BODY UP TO ITS WEB FOR A MEAL.



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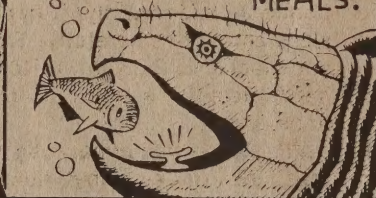
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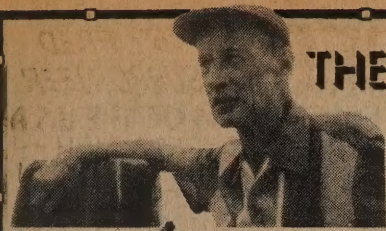
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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Matt Ahern

Last Chance for Fluke

There's still time to get fluke. Experienced fishermen know fluke, larger than usual, are prowling Long Island's south shore inlets, fattening up in preparation for their long haul to offshore wintering grounds.

These inlets play host to untold numbers of fluke during late summer. All the fishermen needs do is pick out a nice day, jump into a skiff, head for the nearest inlet, make a few drifts and he's going to catch his fair share of the available fish.

Many of these fish run three pounds and up and it's important to not only use tackle sturdy enough to take on a heavyweight, but to combat the boat's drift, which is normally faster than when drifting inside a bay.

I enjoy using spinning tackle when inlet fishing. But there have been times when I would have welcomed sturdy conventional tackle, especially when an outsize fluke took hold. It isn't unusual to land eight and ten pound fluke in late summer. Medium-weight spinning tackle will do the job, and lots of fishermen get by with it, but if you have heavier stuff you should use it.

About the only change I find necessary for these late fluke is to replace the usual three foot leader with one four feet in length. The extra foot may seem unwarranted, but for some reason it often makes the difference between a bucket of fish and a slow pick.

Tie the leader about three inches above the sinker. You can use a three-way swivel if you wish. I seldom do, preferring to tie directly to the line by forming a two inch loop with a double overhand knot.

Granted, tying knots in monofilament line will weaken it, some more so than others, but I've never had trouble while fluke fishing. Just remember to tie the loop with a double overhand knot and pull up slowly. This prevents the loop from slipping.

If conventional tackle is used, a matching reel filled with at least one hundred yards of twenty pound monofilament will be satisfactory. While a star drag isn't essential, it's a nice feature to have. Should you hook into

a king-sized doormat—which is always possible in inlets—you'll need something going for you.

Using a spinning outfit, you can get by with fifteen pound monofilament. The reel should be checked occasionally when in use. Sand and salt deposits often raise havoc with its smooth operation. The experienced fisherman gives it frequent attention. The choice of proper hooks for the fishing you do is all-important. Remember: every hook pattern is designed to do a certain job well. It's to the fisherman's advantage to learn as much as possible about that thin, tempered piece of steel.

It simply doesn't pay to select any fishhook haphazardly. Choose hook sizes and styles carefully. The rest of your tackle is but an aid to get that hook into a fish's mouth. Don't sell the hook short!

When the fisherman isn't on his toes, he finds many fluke deeply hooked. When this happens, you'll be glad you used one of the longer-shanked hooks such as a 4/0 Kirby or Carlisle. Many experienced anglers use the shorter-shanked Sproats, but this hook is often deeply inhaled. Unless the fisherman knows how to remove it via the gill cover, it's best to stay with the long shanks.

Patented hook disgorgers work when a good grip is maintained on the thrashing fish, but they seem to have the annoying habit of becoming misplaced when needed; at least, mine always seem to.

Depending on tide strength and rate of drift, sinker weight will vary. This is where experimenting may be needed to find the lightest possible to hold bottom. Conventional tackle can handle an eight ounce bank sinker without difficulty; with spinning tackle one of this size would be too heavy.

This is not to say an eight ounce sinker should always be used. If you can get by with one half that weight, use it. Remember, the heavier the sinker, the less fight you'll get.

Fluke fishermen have a wide selection of bait from which to choose. For inlet fishing, and around the ocean beaches, sand eels probably

excel. Use one about four inches long and hook it through the eyes, allowing it to trail, or run the point through the head, then once again near the tail. With this bait, it's best to lift the moment the strike is felt.

Live killies should be used by passing the hook through both lips just back of the tough outer rims. Some fishermen hook the killy under the dorsal fin, but don't do it when drifting for fluke. Doing this causes the killy to spin as it's dragged over the bottom, causing twisting and kinking which even the best swivel can't overcome.

Spearing should be hooked the same way as sand eels. These are almost always bought frozen, but their one fault lies in becoming soft when thawed. Fluke readily seize them, but because of this softness they're easily stolen.

Strips of squid, either alone or combined with a live killie, are one of the better baits. When used, it should be given plenty of action by continuous jigging. When a pick-up is felt, allow a little slack for several seconds before setting the hook. Give the fluke time to get it down.

Fish strips about four inches long, hooked once through the widest part, work well; particularly strips of sea robin. Many fishermen use small snappers at this time of year. They work fine if hooked in the manner of sand eels. Allow the fluke time to munch before striking.

Every fluke fisherman should carry a net and use it. Fluke can be one of the trickiest of fish to bring aboard. Care should be taken that no sudden, abrupt moves are made toward the fish. Lower the net gently and lead the fish into it.

Try these late summer fluke soon. They won't be around much longer. Not only that, but when they're gone, it's a long wait until next summer!

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Ronnie Lepper & His BUNKER SPOONS

Part Two

Last week I discussed the approximate history of the evolution of the Lepper bunker spoon and its use as a big-fish killer. We had several requests about purchasing this item, so to avoid further problems: The Lepper spoon is manufactured and marketed by LUPO LURES. See your favorite dealer.

It's one heck of an understatement to say that Ronnie Lepper is fussy and meticulous about his fishing. His boat tackle, lures, baits, etc. are all given the utmost care and attention in their preparation for the task at hand — catching fish. And there's no denying that he does catch fish.

SPOON ACTION

The spoon must work violently, but it must not spin — unless you're only interested in bluefish. The violent, side-to-side wobbling action, just before the spoon starts to spin, is what you should be looking for. When this action is reached, the rod will have regular, strong throbbing action that indicates the lure is working properly.

The only way to accurately find the best speed that will give you this action is to test the lure alongside and not behind the boat under varying conditions. But don't put the lure in the prop wash — that will only show how it's working in that particular turbulence, and is of no practical value in fishing. In fact, it's a good idea to keep a test rig in the cockpit, to use every time you change direction of the boat. Keep in mind that there is no simple correct boat speed, only the speed the lure makes in its passage through the water — and conditions of water movement are highly variable.

You'll have to experiment. Sometimes a difference of 25 rpm will make the difference between fish and no fish. If you see someone catching fish, and you aren't, don't be embarrassed to pick up your binoculars and spy on him. Watch closely to see what he is doing — and how it is being done! Unless, of course, the guy will tell you what he is doing. If you still catch no fish, figure you're being led down the primrose path, and become sneaky: All good fishermen know what is happening on the grounds, and not everybody tells them things, either.

To be successful, you must watch the rod. Most unsuccessful anglers that use bunker spoons reach this state of affairs because their eyes and

minds are on things other than catching fish. They're usually napping, drinking beer, or yakking.

Once you've established the proper speed for working the spoon on a particular run, keep your eyes on that rod. It tells you exactly how the lure is performing. It may take you more than half a season to learn the language of the trolling rod tip when bass fishing with the spoon, but your attentiveness will pay off with bigger catches of larger fish.

Incidentally, you can catch bass from May to December — they're there, because they have been caught. And no statistics are kept, but the number of fifty-pounders caught in August on the south shore might boggle your mind.

Fishing methods and lure action are identical, whether you fish the north or south shores. The second contains its share of big bass, too, but there are only a handful of anglers that fish the area — quite successfully, I might add. Most trollers are scared off by the boulders in the sound, but there are always plenty of fish around that are not in the rocks. You'll have to be confident and persistent, though, if you expect to catch the good fish.

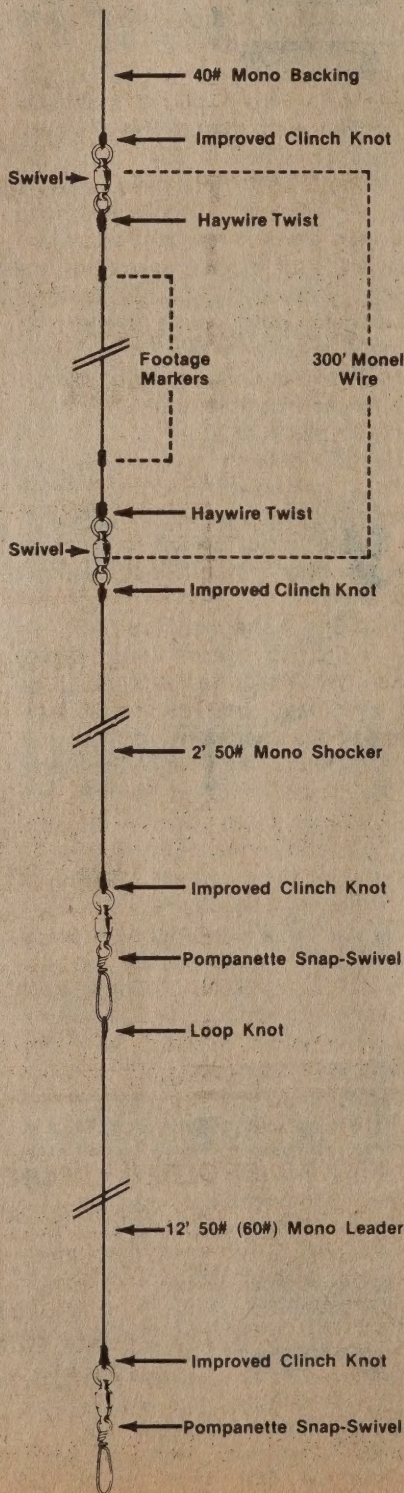
There is one place in which the bunker spoon cannot be fished, and that is in a hard rip. You can't fish against the tide because the fast water makes the spoon spin at any speed that will give you headway. Forget about fishing the current in a rip or strong tide. To get the spoon working correctly in the direction of the moving water means a speed so great that the bass will see only a silver flash as your hunk of metal whizzes by.

BACKING LINE & LEADER

A picture is worth a thousand words. Take a look at the diagram, then come back here for the details.

The leader consists of about 12 feet of 50-pound mono; colored pink when over sand, brown over rocks — better camouflage, this way. Don't use a leader that is too long; it allows the lure to ride back to the top, and there's no sense trolling your line deep when the lure can surface.

The loop of the leader is attached by means of a Pompanette snap-swivel, to a two-foot shocker of 50 pound test mono. When you have brought the fish alongside for gaffing, this section will be in the tip guide. Reel in no further



with a fish on! The reason for this is that your wire is across the tip at a sharp angle, with a big fish on, it can be expected to break — especially if your fish makes a sudden, boatside rush. Don't take the chance: keep the fish on mono at the boat.

The trolling line is attached to the shocker by means of a swivel. All connections in wire are done with a swivel and a Haywire Twist; all mono knots, except the leader loop, are made with an Improved Clinch knot tied to a swivel. Don't ever tie wire and mono together.

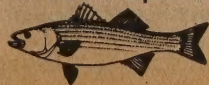
If you're going to do things the right way, use monel wire for trolling and learn how to control it on the reel. Lead core can be used, but it will soon fatigue and break due to the violent spoon action. Don't, except for those nightmares where you never catch anything, think of using mono with drails to carry the lure down. We're doing things the correct way, remember?

Single-strand wire gives you excellent contact with the fish, something you need, and it has high sectional density which allows it to cut through the water and sink rapidly (it's thin for its mass). Stainless could be used instead of monel, but it seems to create a lot of friction against the guides, which means more work for you while retrieving.

Use monel in .025" diameter. The pound-test doesn't matter — it will be plenty. If you still decide to use the stainless steel wire, get .020" diameter, and don't blame me if you don't like it. Buy 300 feet of whatever you use, and use markers at 100, 150, 200 and 250 feet of wire out. Ronnie Lepper uses a relatively stiff, thin telephone wire — it's plastic-covered (in color) copper, and is twisted for two turns into the monel, then wound for less exotic marker, or if you're not on friendly terms with your local telephone man, try plastic guide-wrapping, decorative adhesive tape. It's easy to put on and will last a reasonable length of time. Use different colors for different footages so you'll know how much line was out when that bass struck.

Backing for your line is not only simple, it is necessary because you must fill the spool to within 1/4" of the cross bars of the reel, including the wire and backing together. This will effect the reels retrieve ratio and drag setting. There is only one material to use for backing—a good brand of monofilament. Period.

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Heave A Bunker for Big Bass

by Ron Onorato

East Rockaway Inlet was calm and quiet this early June morning, and the slight north wind had flattened out the sea. "Spotting the bunker today ought to be a cinch" quipped George Oliver. Bunker give themselves away by tell-tale slaps on the water's surface as they swim near the top. If they are densely schooled, they appear as ripples on the surface.

At first we tried to snag some bunker by means of a treble hook snagger. However, the fish were too widely dispersed to be snagged. "Looks like we're going to have to make a set" I commented. "Making a set" is local jargon used for the laying out of a mesh gill net.

Later, having gotten the hard part of netting the bunker out of the way, the easy part was next: catching big bass. As it turned out, it was not so easy a task. First we ran up to Lido beach to try some of the jetties there. It was a good day to fish inasmuch as the north wind would gently carry the boat away from the beach.

George ran the boat up to the end of the stones while I heaved the bunker in close. He followed suit and then killed the motor. We drifted gently towards the ocean. No hits on the first pass, nor the second, nor the third. Obviously—no fish in a hitting mood. Another stone a short distance away was tried, with the same negative results.

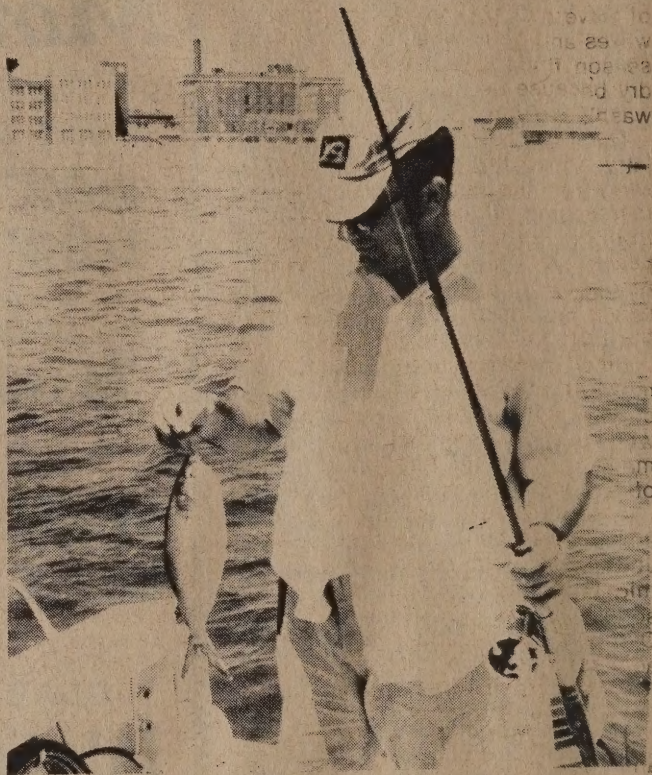
I think we must have tried every stone in Lido and Long Beach in the four hours we fished before the first sign of bass life exposed itself. We had just run in and dropped the bunkers when something grabbed the bunker on my line. I had the reel in free spool, so I merely let the fish run for a couple of seconds before socking it to him.

The fish made a sharp run parallel to the beach and then turned to the boat. I reeled frantically to take up the slack. From the strength of its runs it was obviously a large fish. A few minutes of steady pressure had the fish alongside the boat, ready for gaffing. In short order, 48 pounds of striped bass laid on the floor of the boat. As it turned out, three other fish from 20 to 40 pounds were taken off the same stone and we lost the other bunkers to fish we hit too soon.

With the resurgence of the menhaden schools along the south shore of Long Island, heaving live or fresh-dead bunkers has become the staple method of nailing trophy size stripers. Last season, scores of thirty and forty pound bass, with a good number of 50 pound fish, were taken by veteran and novice fishermen alike. The pros did super, but there were enough fish taken to keep all hands satisfied.

The whole idea behind this type of fishing is to present one of the bass's favorite food as best as possible. This calls for laying the bunker close to the end of the numerous jetties that dot the south shore beaches. The jetties are natural havens for bass; they represent the only shelter and protection on an otherwise barren beach. The rocks hold crabs, small baitfish, blackfish and other forage. Bass, in turn, feed on the abundant food supply.

As strange as it may seem, it is often more difficult to obtain the bunker than it is to catch the bass. When the bunker are in heavy, they can be snagged by a weighted treble hook. If the bunker are scattered, however, as they usually



Henry Pellachia shows bunker bait.

are early in the season, the only way to assure a day's supply is to use a gill net.

If your boat is equipped with a paper type recorder, the task of finding bait is simplified. Simply scan the screen until you see enough markings that make a set worthwhile. There are times when bunkers completely hide themselves from the surface and can be picked up only on the machine.

Once you have secured what you think is enough bait you're all set to go fishing. How much bait you need will depend on how many people you have fishing and how long you plan to fish. An all day trip for 3 people may require 15 pieces of bait, while if you're going to fish alone for a couple of hours, three or four are all that you need. It is better to have more because you may lose some to fish or snag some rocks.

The size and weight of the bait you are using, and the fact that you have to heave the bait a bit, necessitates the use of fairly sturdy tackle. As a good all around outfit, any seven- or eight-foot heavy action rod with a matching reel of good 30 pound line is all you need.

Terminal tackle is equally simple. Tie a 3/0 treble hook to the end of the line and you're in business. Take the bunker and insert one of the barbs through both lips. If you find that the bait is staying too close to the top, add a small split shot to get it down.

In this type fishing, where you have to get the boat close to

the stones, the smaller the vessel the better. Some of those big boats that draft a lot of water are going to find themselves in trouble. Any of the smaller outboards like Whalers, Makos, etc., are very well suited to this. You can nose these boats right up to the tip of the jetty.

As with everything else, you must exercise caution. Even on a reasonably calm day, there is a certain amount of wave action. You have to time the waves and go in when it's safe. Every season finds a boat owner high and dry because he misjudged a wave or wasn't looking.

Once you have the boat close to the jetty, throw the bunker in and move away from the stones, keeping the reel in free spool all the time. If the wind is from the north it will keep you off the beach. A south wind will have a tendency to push you towards the beach, so make sure that you move the boat far enough offshore.

Since the bait is in free spool, it will move with the action of the waves and current. If there are any bass around, it will be short order before a pass is made at it. Let the fish run for a count of five and then engage the reel.

The run of big fish off the south shore starts about the first week of June and terminates around the middle of July. The beginning of fall, somewhere around the start of October, marks another resurgence of activity. In autumn, there is a chance for some trophy-sized blues that are mixed in with the bass.

This type of fishing is both exciting and challenging. Of course, it's always nice to have a couple of trophy fish on the bottom of your boat. Just don't get greedy. Most of these big fish are females and every time one of them falls it means a reduction in the future population. Take just a couple and be satisfied at that.



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Giant Tuna Fishing And A Great Fish!

by Trudie Sciacca

Many weeks have passed since last Labor Day and very vivid in my mind is the experience I had catching a giant tuna. Friends of ours, the Berwinds, of East Rockaway scheduled the trip and shared a charter boat with us. As previously arranged, we met the Berwinds in Gloucester, Massachusetts and, early on Saturday morning, we breakfasted together and were soon on our way to the docks to meet Captain Don Wonson and his son David, the mate. Both live locally and were most congenial.

With no time to spare we boarded their 33 ft. sportfisherman, the Sirius, and were off looking for a dragger to supply us with fresh herring. No luck—the captain decided to make do with his two large pails of fresh, whole whiting.

We were about four miles offshore in Ipswich Bay when the mate anchored the boat to a moored buoy. Sportsmen-like, we then cut cards, high card to have the first honor in the fighting chair. All hopes were high—I won with a jack. Immediately I offered my turn to my anxious husband, Eddie, who refused, stating that I won my turn fair and square.

For over an hour we lazed on deck in the growing heat, watching two huge fin-back whales dive and surface and whoosh huge jets of water. The mate kept his vigil at the depth recorder, watching for bleeps to indicate fish.

Zing! we had our first run-off and, as fast as everyone jumped ready for action, the fish was gone. Back to chunking. The Berwind boys now had the chore, while everyone else was tensed ready, watching the poles.

Fifteen minutes later the pole sang out again. We let the fish take out quite a bit of line and, sure enough, this time it was definitely hooked. Hastily, I dashed into the chair, was strapped into the basket harness and told to “reel, reel, reel” I was estatic to be able to retrieve line so quickly.

Then the fish sounded. Down, down, down, the line spun out and I thought it would reach the end of the reel. Gone was the thrill—I felt excruciating pain in the small of my back—and the battle was on. I can only describe the sensation, from a woman's point of view, as to that of being in extremely heavy labor. Surely the line would snap, if not the line, then my back.

For four hours and seven minutes I literally fought for every inch of retrieved line. It did not occur to me to give up the rod, and I was positive the line would snap. No matter how the captain maneuvered his boat the fish always managed to sink deeper right under the transom, and neither fish nor I would relax and give an inch.

The first two hours the fish did not show, and each time it sounded my back bore the brunt: I would let forth with a tirade “no, no, no”. I was petrified I would be catapulted out of the chair, harness, rod and reel and would land in the water. I begged my husband to save me, but he was too busy occupied in manipulating and turning the chair and wiping my forehead, and was hoarse screaming reassurance to me.

For an eternity I took commands “do this, do that”, I tried to cooperate. Each time I thought I had the situation under



The strain of battle shows on the face of Trudie Sciacca, who caught the fish.



The battle is on. Trudie is given moral support by (l. to r.) husband Eddie, friend Charlie Berwind, mate David Wonson.

control, the fish would sound again. Charlie Berwind kept cooling the reel with fresh water and chucking buckets of sea water over me.

It was noontime now and the temperature was about 100 degrees. When Charlie saw my hands blistered he quickly changed my gloves. David the mate had problems: The fish was still right down off the transom, and his job was to keep the line away from the boat. The fish surfaced, we checked the time; it had been two hours since I first sat in the chair. Everyone went beserk. It was huge! David started to jump and dance on deck.

Slowly the fish swam, keeping its distance, and I was able to retrieve line. The huge monster kept inching closer and closer. Elated, we all watched and commented on the large span between its fins. Surely this must be a record fish.

Less than five feet from the boat, before all our staring eyes, it jerked and nose-dived again. The reel kept spasmodically singing as the fish once more jerked deeper and deeper. Now I was determined; I had seen the fish and the battle was renewed. Pat Berwind sat with crossed fingers, almost as though in prayer. The agony on her face reflected my own, for each time the fish would sound she joined in my screams. Charlie let loose with his special brand of humor: "Only another couple of hours, Trudie. You can do it."

For once I was at loss for words to snap at him. The fish wasn't moving. We were both at a standstill again, and it seemed an eternity was passing. I knew I couldn't last much longer, but then, to my great relief, the great fish surfaced. I don't know where the energy came from, but five times it repeated surfacing and diving, and each time I would have it almost to the double leader.

Finally, inch by cranking inch, I managed to bring the fish to the boat. David handled the wire leader and Charlie gaffed it. Quickly the meathook was sunk and the tailrope secured. Fishing for giant tuna is not a one man or one woman job. Definitely it is teamwork: no one person can fight and land a giant tuna alone.



Trudie Sciacca poses with her 855 pound trophy tuna.



The race is run, the battle's won. The winner relaxes with her husband during the trip back to the docks.

We waited for about thirty minutes until the threshing stopped and with ropes we hauled the huge monster through the trapdoor in the stern. We proceeded to the town docks to have it weighed. Using an electric winch the dockmaster lowered a hook on a cable and hoisted the fish up.

It weighed 855 pounds, the second largest tuna caught by a woman in the United States.

For interested persons: The fee for chartering the boat was \$175.00 per day. This fee included bait and use of tackle. You must make hotel and charter-boat arrangements well in advance. I used a 12/0 Penn Senator Reel with 130 lb. test Dacron line and 15 feet of braided wire leader with a 10/0 triple-strength Mustad hook. Whiting was used for chunking and baited on the hook. You can bring your own equipment with you. On a charter boat the fish becomes the property of the captain. I was allowed to have the tail mounted, and I am still awaiting delivery of same.

If the opportunity arises again, I wonder if I will willingly accept the challenge. Sometimes I say never, but never sounds too positive; "maybe" sounds better....

Surf Fishing Rocky Shores

by Vlad Evanoff



He's hooked a school striper along the rocky shore of Rhode Island. Here fish lie in the white water pockets and gullies, and alongside rocks close to shore.

Although most surf fishing along Long Island is done from sandy beaches, there is also excellent fishing to be found from rocky shores such as those found at Montauk, parts of the north shore of Long Island and in Rhode Island. Actually, I prefer to fish from rocky shores rather than sand beaches. I find the fish easier to locate among the rocks and the same spots will produce year after year. I also like the variety offered by rocky shores with the different cliffs, boulders, ledges, rocks, coves, points and bars which can be fished. Each spot presents an individual problem which must be solved. If one doesn't produce, you can always try another one a short distance away.

Some rocky shores have high cliffs or rock formations bordering deep water and these can be fished if you can get down near the water level and do not have to stand too high up on such rocks. Look for sloping sides or ledges where you can stand a few feet above the water when fishing such spots. Here you should fish the breaks, pockets, gullies and small coves where the waves wash back and forth. Striped bass like to lie in such spots to wait for baitfish or to pick up marine tid-bits which are washed out by the waves.

Other spots to look for along rocky shores are points which jut out into deeper water. These points are prime fishing spots since the waves crashing against them create plenty of white water in front. You can cover a lot of water here by casting in an arc all around the point.

Some of the more difficult spots to fish along rocky shores are shallow areas with many boulders, rocks and stones scattered in profusion over a broad area. Such an area is in front of the Montauk Point lighthouse, and another is in front of the Pt. Judith lighthouse in Rhode

Island. Here sinking lures such as metal squids or underwater plugs get hung up quickly in the rocks or kelp if allowed to sink. You have to reel metal lures fast to avoid getting hung up. Surface plugs such as poppers can be used if you keep reeling them so they stay on top all the time. Striped bass often move into such shallow spots when the water is rough and white from plenty of big waves moving in.

Coves, both big and small, also produce fish along rocky shores. The formations of such coves vary. Some may have exposed rocks and boulders; others may seem free of rocks and have more open water. This is often deceiving because most coves have some rocks underwater which provide holes and pockets and kelp and seaweed where striped bass like to lie and feed.

It may take quite a bit of fishing to locate the submerged rocks and boulders in a cove, especially those which are always below the surface and do not show. Those that are exposed or show at low tide are easier to pinpoint. Most surf anglers locate such productive spots by casting in various parts of the cove until they get hung up or get a hit. After getting hung up a few times, or catching a few fish, you get to know which spots to avoid and which spots produce fish.

Coves or shores with exposed boulders, rocks, reefs or white water patches indicating such obstructions below the surface are easier to fish. Here most of your striped bass will be found lying just inside the rocks on the shore side, in the white water created by the waves crashing over the rocks or boulders. Generally it takes only one or two casts into such a white-water spot to find out whether a fish is present. After you catch a striper or two from such a

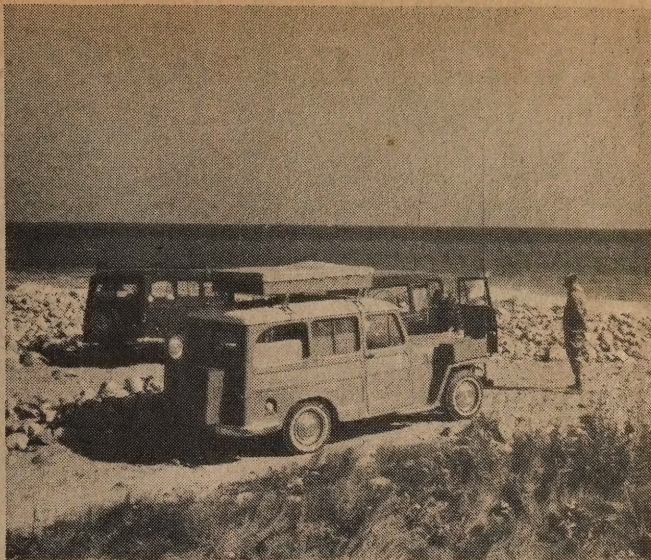
hide, you can usually come back in a day or two and catch more fish there: Striped bass do not let a favored feeding station remain empty for long; new fish are always moving in to replace the ones that leave or are caught.

Rock or mussel bars, such as those found at the North Bar in Montauk and at Matunuck Beach in Rhode Island, are also good fishing spots. Here there is usually some white water—even when the surf is moderate—and both striped bass and bluefish will be feeding. You usually have to wade out as far as you can, and a falling tide toward low water is a good time to fish these bars.

The lures you use along rocky shores can be the same ones used when surf fishing along sandy beaches. Metal squids, Hopkins lures and heavy spoons such as the Kastmaster can be used where there is plenty of white water and school stripers or blues are around. Poppers and surface swimmers are also good when the fish are feeding on mullet or other baitfish. For big striped bass use rigged eels, plastic eels or live eels, since eels are plentiful among the rocks and bass look for them.

Fishing rocky shores can be dangerous if certain precautions aren't taken. Always wear a pair of wading sandals or ice-creepers over your boots or waders. The lower rocks which are reached by the tide and are covered with seaweed, moss or slime can be slippery. Avoid walking on wet, moss-covered rocks which slope at a sharp angle toward the water. For better footing choose the more level and drier rocks, or those covered with mussels or barnacles. And watch the waves at all times to make sure you don't get hit unawares and get swept out into deep water.

You also have to figure out in advance how you will land your fish along rocky shores. Look for sloping rocks, small coves or crevices into which you can work your fish with the help of the waves. After you hook your fish start



The rocky shores at Montauk Point produce fish from the surf, especially during the next two months.

working your way down slowly to a low rock early in the fight rather than waiting until the last minute and then having to clamber down in a hurry.

All this presents a challenge which makes rocky shore surf fishing exciting and interesting. It is also highly productive once you fish a certain area on several occasions and get to know its structure, bottom formations and fish-producing spots.

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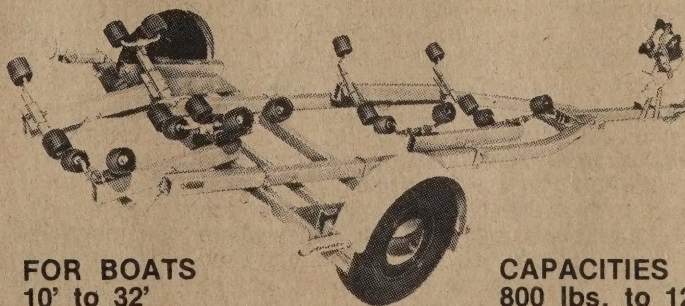
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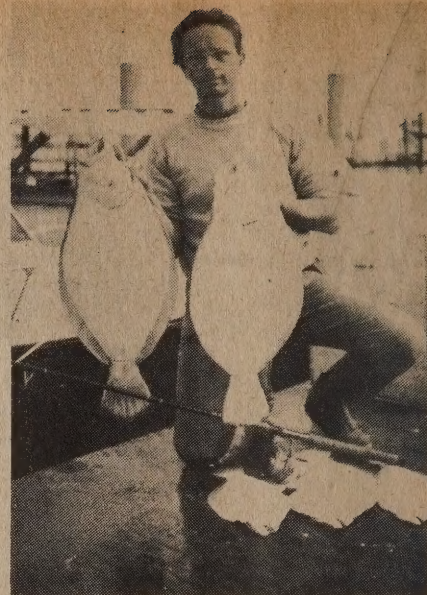
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Porgies and sea bass are in solid at Washington Shoals according to Ronnie at **Gone Fishing Marina**. Their rental boats are running out there and are coming back with a tubful of these fish. None of his boats came in with fluke. They are still offshore and it is dangerous to go out there in small boats after a bad storm. Striped bass are starting to be picked up in increasing quantities both from the beach as well as from trolling boats. Bluefish are being trolled on the south side.

Captain Rade of the **Marlin III** said they are killing the porgies off the Point. Fifty or more fish per man is not unusual. There are nice size sea bass being caught with a few blacks mixed in.

Capt. George McTurck of the charterboat **Sportfisher** said the storm must have stirred up the striped bass as they are now picking them up under the Lighthouse. These bass are schoolies on up to 12 lbs. and better. The blues that are also being caught are running bigger than the bass at present.

Capt. George Glas of the **Hel-Cat** said they were neck deep in blue fish all week. Sat. he did not sail due to the storm but Sunday they caught so much fish the boat came in a half hour early. Starting this Tuesday the



LIF ad man Stu Miller holds 2 doormat fluke, 8¾ and 9½ pounds respectively, taken on the south side of Montauk in 70 feet of water.

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Capt. Dusty Doerzbacher of the open boat **Little Bear** said the storms during the previous week did not scatter the porgies as they were there in excellent quantity on Sunday. He said his boat and the **Flying Cloud** are loading up on good size porgies and plenty of 2-3 lb. sea bass.

According to Capt. Forsberg's son the **Viking Star** has had fair codfishing at Coxes Ledge this past week. Offshore weather disturbances have a quieting effect on the fishing there.

The **Viking Starlite** is porgy fishing and the catches are very good. Some nice size sea bass have been taken with the porgies.

Johnny Kronuck's Tackle Shop had

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Gary Lewis, 9, caught his first fluke on his first cast. The fish was taken on spearing in the Shinnecock Canal.

good news for the surf casters. For the first time in a week the weather was good enough to hit the beach and the striped bass and blues co-operated. School size bass were taken from in front of the Lighthouse with a few 15—20 lb. bass thrown in. The North Bar action was mainly blue fish which outweighed the bass being caught by Lighthouse ten and twelve pound blues were chewing up plugs.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper** reports that although there was plenty of wind all weekend it did not stop them from porgy fishing. It was excellent fishing under the Lighthouse with people going home with bags and buckets of porgies.

LIF staff members Stu Miller and Scott Simons interrupted thier porgy fishing Sunday to take a shot at the doormat fluke. They went due south of Caswells to 70 feet of water and scored with 5 fish, largest 9½ and 8¾ lbs. respectively. Large strip baits of squid, sea robin and whole snappers rigged on Scott's special tandem took rig all produced. The fish are spaced apart, but are all HUGE.

PROMISED LAND

Wind and rain kept most of the fishing to a minimum during last week said Art Brand at **Promised Land Fishing Station**. Sunday saw everyone going out for porgies and slaughtering them. Scattered blackfish catches were reported with the biggest at 6 lbs. Small snapper blues still around but no one went after them. Gardiners Island has yielded some school striped bass to pluggers in the early morning or evening.

SAG HARBOR

Noyac Marina reports weaks and

porgies were picked up Sunday. A few very small flounders have shown in the creeks. These fish are too small to take so hold off for a couple of weeks before trying for them.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Bellows Jr. said he had only 4 people on Friday and they had 65 weaks. They were back at the dock by noon. Sunday saw 145 weaks and 225 porgies for 17 people. All these fish are caught by drifting on open bottom and shows there are plenty of fish. Although the **Capt. Clark and Capt. Clark II** are not at present fishing for blackfish the readings over the wrecks show good quantities of blacks.

HAMPTON BAYS

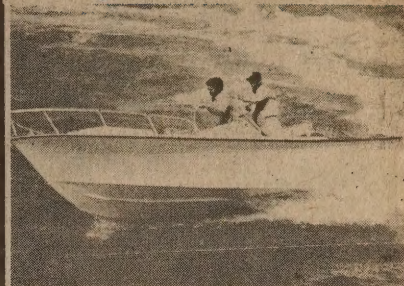
Lots of weaks and porgies in front of the canal on the Peconic side and at buoy 32 according to Ernie at **Bradley's Fishing Station**. Squid strips and sand worms are best on the open bottom. The weaks are 1½ to 2 lbs. while some porgies go to 1 lb. At the inlet and in the East Channel the fluke are holding in strong with one angler coming in with 17 fluke all by himself. He was using squid and spearing for these 2½—3 lb. fluke and was back by noon.

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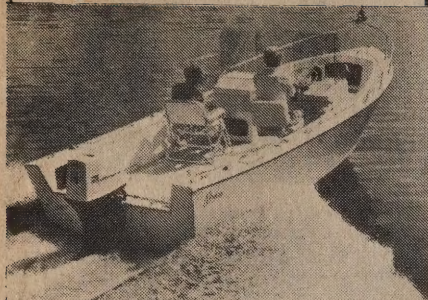
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eels or clam bellies in the bay channels or the Old Cut. This is night action fishing with fish going to 15 lbs. or better. Flounder is fairly good in the holes. While fluke are spotty in the New and Old Cuts. Weaks, kings and sea bass are being taken in mixed quantities from the docks. Squid for the weaks and blood worms for the others. Mixed bag catches go to 15 a person.

Fluke catches were surprisingly good at buoy 38 according to Romona Seifert of Silly Lily Fishing Station. Nice catches were had both east and west of the buoy with some fluke as big as 4 lbs. Weakfish are also out there and sometimes move in close to the docks. They can be taken or shrimp tout lures or squid.

MASTIC BEACH

Crabbing is excellent according to Ronnie at Keenan's Fishing Station. The weather kept the fishermen from trying their luck, at Smith Point Bridge, for weakfish. Big fluke of 7 to 11 lbs. were caught at buoy 26 on spearing this past Sunday but Ron warns that these most likely the fluke moving out.

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WEST SAYVILLE

Dick at the American Sportsman said the snappers are running strong all over. Weakfish are fair and of the school size. They range from Heckscher to Patchogue. Snapper blues have been hanging in near the West Sayville dock.

Dennis Masterson of the South Bay Fishing Station called to say the weaks are out near buoy 30. All Morgan had 11 of them to 3½ lbs. He also had 7 kingfish to 1¼ lbs. and some blow fish. Snappers are getting so big they are practically blues. Crabs are excellent.

Youngs Fishing Station reports good catches of weaks in the 9 lb. class at buoy 31 just outside Brown's River, on squid.

CAPTREE

Capt. Carl Bauer of the Capt. Whittaker said the fluke fishing on Sunday was excellent in the Fire Island Inlet. The pool fish was 7 lbs. Thursday saw a 12 lb. 2 oz. fluke take the pool.

The open boat Capt. Richie reports fluke catches are from 6 to 14 fluke per man depending on weather and angler skill. The Fire Island Inlet and offshore areas hold good quantities of nice size fluke as they are on their way out to the open sea.

Noel Kapauff at the Captree Bait Station said the piers all have snappers, flounders and fluke. Snapper blues are taking bait in the inlet. Field #2 had weaks off the beach that were taking squid or snappers. Striped bass are taking line eels at Democrat Point, Jones Beach and West End. Noel says they now have live eels at their Jones Beach Bait Station.

LINDENHURST

John Jr. at Charles Bait and Tackle said there were plenty of fluke both in the inlet and outside. Small blues of 2-3 lbs. are in the inlet and taking bait. The weakfish are starting to move out and are off the docks and in the back canals. Crabbing is excellent.

BABYLON

Charles Fishing Station reports there are more fluke showing up. The East-West channel, State channel and Fox Creek are all good spots. These same areas also hold good quantities of weakfish. These weaks are 2-3 lbs. are taking squid or shrimp lures. There are plenty of crabs.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports good snapper fishing. Fluke fishing at the Fire Island inlet remains good as shown by Joe Geiger of Babylon who had 25 of them. He fished with killies and squid Sunday morning and his biggest was 8 lbs. A few weaks have been caught in the bay. Stripper action was quiet.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddies Fishing Station said they still have fluke. More and more sea bass are being caught and if you are losing your bait it is most likely the blowfish. Try using smaller hooks and squid. Weakfish are around and taking worms. They are along the shore east of Massepequa Cove near the tennis courts.

Fluke are schooling in Jones Inlet according to **Lon Wausers Tackle Shop**. Striped bass action is picking up in the bay. Friday night saw some nice plug action at the third bridge. Clam chumming at the bridges is showing a great increase in activity. Blues are chasing bunker occasionally at the Meadowbrook Bridge. Flounder are just starting. Crabs are excellent and just the snappers are still strong.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker at **Causeway Bait & Tackle** said that Bill Alberico caught a 45½ lb. striped bass while floating a bunker off the Rockaway jetties on Sunday. Fluke are still active. Weaks are very good. Find a deep hole and fish sandworms on the bottom. Flounders are stirring. Snappers are very good.

MERRICK

Good fluke and sea bass action at Merrick Point according to Jim at **Nick's Fishing Station**. These fluke are working their way out to Jones Inlet



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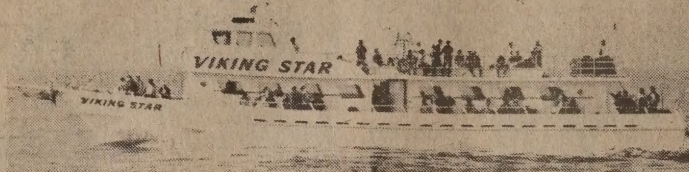
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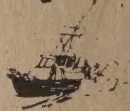
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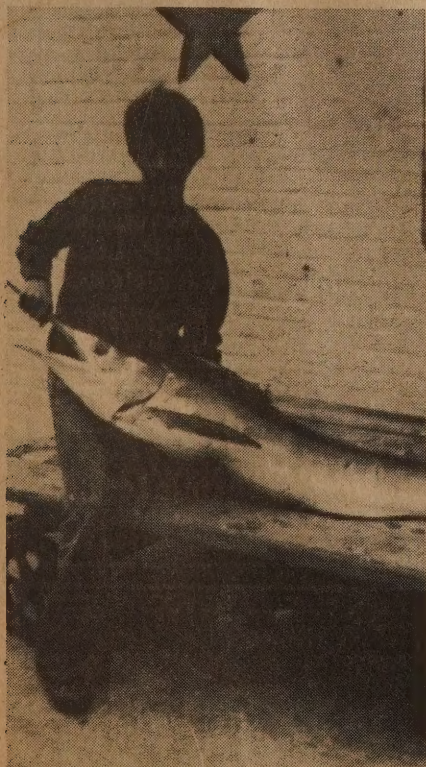
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FREEPORT

Capt. Richie of the **Starstream II** has had a good pick on blues Fri. & Sunday, fishing Cholera and Ambrose. Some steady good weather should make things even better, says Richie.

The **Nite Owl** went cod fishing on Mon. at an un-named off-shore wreck. Six pollack, 20—40 lbs. were taken on 20 lb. test line 42 miles offshore. The fish were out and eaten and now we all fear a record was devoured.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports good fluking in Jones Inlet along barges and jetty on incoming water.



Joe Lauro Jr. with the 55 pound white marlin caught on 30 lb. test at the Hudson Canyon on a rigged eel aboard the boat "Think". Anglers aboard with Joe were Frank Mauro, Hy Jacobson and Joel Manson. Photo courtesy of Stella Maris Fishing Station.

Weeks at the bridges on squid on a high hook 4' off the bottom, at the change of tide. Lots of small sea bass in Swift Creek, Short Beach and Loop Bridge on clam and worm on incoming tide.

Capt. Bob Ceglowski of the **Sea Hunter** called to report he had tuna, albacore and blues for Sundays charter off Cholera. A monster blue, tipping the scale at Muller's Dock at 20 1/2 lbs. was landed by Tom Fascaldi of Franklin Square.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed's Fishing Station called to tell us that on Sunday, 9 year old Elizabeth Cohen pulled 6 fluke and 3 sea bass. This L.I.F. subscriber lives in Massapequa Park. (Could she have learned her fishing from neighbor Dick Mormon?) There were other good catches of fluke and sea bass on Sunday, along with small porgies. Blacks are at the bridges and weeks for those able to get them off Lido Beach.

ISLAND PARK

The **Ginnie-Mae** was running to Seabright weather permitting, for blues, and on some days, picking the smaller blues closer to home. Capt. Henriques will be switching to bottom shortly.

Charlie at **Beckmann's** in Lynbrook happily reported that bass action on the beaches has arrived. Thurs. Fri. & Sat. the surf gave forth a lot of stripers, with a 4 pounder taken at Cedar, in very early A.M. hrs. on a live eel. Thursday A.M. also saw an 18, 16, and 38 pound fish, same hours, same baits, at the pipeline area from the beach. Lido and Long Beaches had a lot of 5-12 lb. fish in A.M. hrs.

LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reports good fluke fishing still, in Reynolds Channel and the inlet past the Atlantic Beach Bridge. The charter boat **Skipper** had good catches of blues off Shrewsberg on Sunday.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Cy at **Henning's Fishing Station** tells us there is still good fluking in Reynolds Channel and the Inlet. Snappers are all over the bay and Reynolds Channel. Small blues are taken while fluking. Striper on clam bellies at the Atlantic Beach Bridge in good quantity, 6—7 lbs., on moving water. Seven stripers to 8 lbs. taken off the Silver Point Jetty on 5 1/2" sinking blue Rebels. A fluke chased the plug to within 10' of the stones on 1 retrieve, the excited angler told Cy. Rumors of bass on the beach. No details.

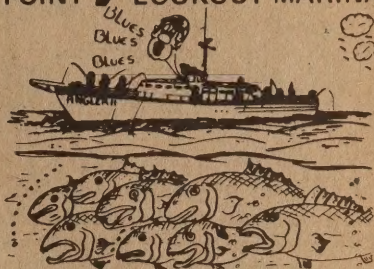
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Cross Bay Rod & Gun reports lots of snappers at North & South Channel

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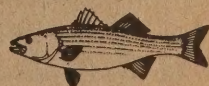
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SHEEPSHEAD BAY

The Mary reports blacks and porgies from 1/2—1 1/2 lbs. The blackfishing is steady, on fiddlers, averaging 2—3 lbs. Fish to 7 lbs. have come in.

Capt. Tom of the Pilot II reports "fantastic" porgie fishing, "like old times". Fish 1/4—3 lbs. and IN QUANTITY, off the Rockaways. Nice catches of blackfish in with them on fiddlers, fish to 6 lbs.

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Harold at Bay End Dock reports loads of porgies around buoy 5, west of the Breezy Pt. Jetty. Weaks off Coney Island around buoy 18. Also blues, trolled, jigged, and with bait on the bottom. Bass at the Roundhouse, both trolled and chummed. Umbrellas are hot. Porgies at Marine Pkwy. Bridge, and fluke at Louie's Pier and the flats. Harold says they seem to be heading out now and by the weekend.

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Neil at **Stella Maris** tells of plenty of blues at Nortons Pt., Coney Island and Seabright. Fluke slowing down a bit, not 3—5 pounders off the Jersey localities. Bass action is down, but there are plenty of snappers. Weakens off Coney Island.

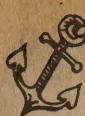
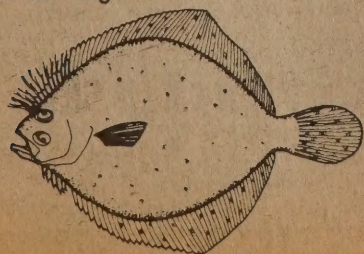
STATEN ISLAND

Lennie at **Santos Sports Shop** reports that for surfers at South Beach and Bergen Ave stormsewer at night, there are still 7 lb. class blues to be had, plus a bonus of perhaps some weakens. Great Kills Rink jetty and harbor for fluke, sand porgies, lafayettes and snappers 4"—6" (deep) crabs still there steady. Princess Bay has bars from the beach 2—6 lbs. on worms and weakens 4—6 lbs. on worms. Off the dental works. For boatmen, Mt. Loretta, buoy 4 off Anadale and Chapel Hill Channel for there fish. Swindburn and Hoffman Islands and West Bank Lighthouse drifting worms or trolling Bingle tubes for bass and weakens.

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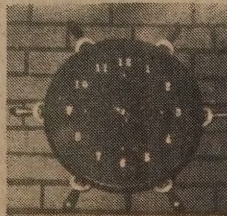
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GREENPORT

Capt. Porter of the **Brand X** told us the bluefishing is excellent in the Race. Big blues to 16 lbs. are being caught everytime they go out. Pigeons Rip and the east side of Gardiner's Island are also good spots.

Art Whites Bait Shop reports all the boats that went out on Sunday did very well on bluefish. Pigeons Rip, the Race and east of the ruins are where the blues concentrate. Porgy action is just short of fantastic. The open boat **Wilheric** is loading up every time out. Striped bass are being taken on poppers and swimmers from the beaches. This action is occurring from Greenport to Orient Point. Art said big sandworms are sure killers for these fish.

ORIENT POINT

Elisa Liblien of **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** said the fall run of weaks has definitely started. Weak fish of 2 or 3 lbs. are coming in from Louies Beach, off the Windmill and from the Brickyard all on squid. Blues have been taken in Plum Gut on bucktails or bait. Very good porgy fishing at Greenport Ferry, buoy 15 and South Ferry. Lots of porgies at Orient Point along with some early blackfish fishing.

JAMESPORT

Warrens Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports good weaks and porgies east of Robins Island towards Roses Grove. Cut bunker are taking blues from the Mattituck Inlet break water and the beaches adjacent to it. Warren's good friend Mike Schroeder took 100 striped bass ranging from 5 to 39 lbs. off Hortons Point. Wire line and bucktails along with a lot of perseverance did the trick.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

"You should have been here last week" said Earl at **Queensland Cove Tackle**. There was a bluefish blitz in the harbor and they were being taken by all means. It was wall to wall boats. These blues have now moved off Wading River. Bluefishing is good outside the harbor but you have to find

the schools of bunker or the birds working. The bottom fishing is picking very well with nice size kings and weaks along with humpback porgies and flounder. One 8 lb. fluke was lost by an angler fishing for kingfish with 6 lb. line.

PORT JEFFERSON

Carattis Fishing Station reports the bunker are back in the harbor and the blues are chasing them. You must get them early before dawn and up to two hours after sunrise. Snappers are off the docks and jetties. Good porgy fishing at Old Field Point. This is also where the blacks are showing as well as off the bell buoy. Green crabs for bait are a must.

SMITHTOWN BAY

According to Tini Fleming at **Smithtown Sports Shop** the blues are scarce but deep from Cranes to Eaton Neck. Some small blues come to the top and will take chrome plug. Snappers are jumping out of the water at Nissequogue River. A few small bass were trolled at night off Calahans Beach using a 5 oz. black Tri-Fin eel.

NORTHPORT

The **Chainlocker Bait & Tackle** said there are loads of snappers around. Bluefish action is either early like 5 A.M. or late in the evening. No cut bait for these fish they want whale bunker. Porgies are on the bottom. Weakfish are being taken on worms on the bottom in the hole off Centerport.

Pete at **Greenlawn Sports Shop** reports good bluefishing at Centerport and Northport harbors and off the Lilco plant on the Sound side. Snappers are getting bigger. Bass



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Great blue fishing in Huntington Harbor during the week said George at Fout Winds Tackle Shop. On Saturday and Sunday they moved to Cold Spring Harbor. Wire lining with umbrella rigs off Eatons Neck was productive for blues with an infrequent school bass. Great to excellent striped bass worm trolling off Target Rock. Mostly 3—5 lbs. but up to 30 or more fish per boat. Plenty of porgies in Northport Bay. Weakfish are still in at Duck Island and Sand City.

COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powles at Veterans Fishing Station said the blues chase the bunker into the harbor during high water and run them back out of the Sound on the ebb. Porgy fishing is still good at Whitewood Point. A few striped bass have been taken there on worms. The Oyster Bay Channel neat the Yacht Club is another good spot.

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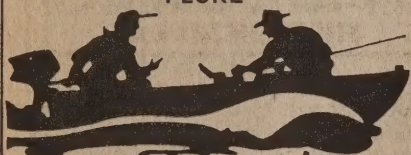
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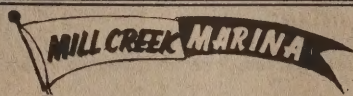
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PORT WASHINGTON

Rocky Bottom at Morelands Bait & Tackle reports plenty of 3 & 4 lb. bass being taken on worms at all the points. Bluefishing spotty. Plenty of porgies are around.

CITY ISLAND

Johns Gun and Tackle in the Bronx said the blues were taking mackerel bait at Harts Island and weighed 10 lbs. Wire lining very deep with surgical tubes are also picking up blues. Most of this action is before 8 A.M. Spinner and worm combo will consistently pull in school size striped bass around Harts Island.



Pictured are 25 of the 31 bluefish caught between 6 and 8 am in Mount Sinia Harbor. Freshly caught bunker was used as bait. Pictured from left to right are: Dave Nemschick, his son Mike, and Steve Mussler. All three from Medford. The fish ranged from 7 to 14 1/2 lbs.

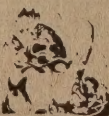
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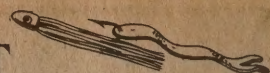
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Section 1 covers the areas from Passamaquoddy, Maine to Cape Cod. Section 2 — Nantucket Shoals to Long Island Sound. Section 3 — Block Island, R.I. to Cape May, N.J. Section 4 — Delaware Bay to False Cape, Virginia. Each section includes up to 6 maps of the tidal shoreline, shaded in such a way as to indicate wetlands, as well as city, county, and federal parks and wildlife areas. The maps show principle roads and towns, marinas, docks, food, fuel, marine services, and bait, tackle, and other fishing facilities. Also shown are fishing grounds, locations of wrecks, artificial reefs, and areas where the most popular fishes are commonly caught, extending from the beach to blue water. There are illustrations of the available fish, and descriptions of their habits, distributions, and

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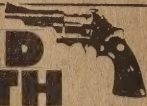
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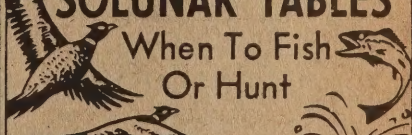
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Fri.	2:25	9:10	3:00	9:45
Sat.	3:20	10:00	3:55	10:25
Sun.	4:10	10:45	4:40	11:15
Mon.	5:00	11:35	5:30	—
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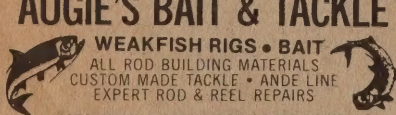
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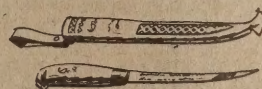
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TIDE TABLES

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SANDY HOOK		NEW LONDON		WILLETS POINT		BRIDGE-PORT	
AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
9/12 THURS.	4:53 5:19	6:27 6:50	8:20 8:49	8:25 8:49			
9/13 FRI.	5:59 6:20	7:22 7:47	9:35 10:01	9:23 9:47			
9/14 SAT.	6:53 7:13	8:16 8:40	10:32 10:57	10:16 10:39			
9/15 SUN.	7:42 8:02	9:05 9:32	11:23 11:49	11:05 11:30			
9/16 MON.	8:29 8:48	9:54 10:21	— 12:10	11:54 —			
9/17 TUES.	9:16 9:33	10:42 11:10	12:38 12:55	12:18 12:40			
9/18 WED.	10:02 10:20	11:31 11:59	1:24 1:38	1:05 1:26			
9/19 THURS.	10:48 11:07	— 12:21	2:08 2:22	1:54 2:14			

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	-0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	-0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	-0 36
(Inlet, Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	-0 38
Coast Guard Station	-0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	-0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	-0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	-0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	-0 14
Port Pond Bay	-0 29
Montauk Inlet	-0 25
Montauk Point	-1 13

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	-0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	-0 08
Herod Point	-0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	-0 20
Truman Beach	-0 42

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	-0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	-0 01
Hempstead Harbor	-0 11
City Island	-0 03
Rye Beach	-0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

9-10	9-23	10-1	10-6
			
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that area's station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet -0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". -0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6 1/2 hours to this figure.

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